

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

1 9. (Currently Amended) ~~The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the substrate is~~
2 A method of forming a wear-resistant reinforcing coating on a particulate substrate, the
3 method comprising:
4 (a) disposing reinforcing fibers on the substrate;
5 (b) applying a liquid matrix material to the reinforcing fibers;
6 (c) placing particulate in contact with the liquid matrix material on an opposite
7 side of the liquid matrix material from the particulate substrate; and
8 (d) hardening the liquid matrix material, thereby forming a composite of
9 reinforcing fibers in a matrix of the hardened liquid matrix material with the
10 wearing surface of particulate.

1 10. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the
2 particulate substrate is soil.

1 11. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the
2 particulate substrate is sand.

1 12. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the
2 particulate substrate is gravel.

1 13. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the
2 particulate substrate is a combination selected from the group of soil, sand and gravel.

Claims 14-42 (Cancelled).